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SUBJECT: U. S. NAVAL OPERATIONS IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONCURRED IN RESCINDING OF RESTRICTIONS
APPLIED LAST OCTOBER TO ROUTINE U.S. NAVAL OPERATIONS IN
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND RETURNING TO PRE-OCTOBER SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS.

2. RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE GOE AND SARG
UNILATERALLY DECLARED ZONES EXTENDING BEYOND THEIR
TERRITORIAL WATERS OFF LIMITS TO FOREIGN NAVAL VESSELS.

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TAKEN TOGETHER ZONES APPROXIMATELY COVER AN AREA EAST OF A

LINE DRAWN THROUGH FAMAGUSTA TO TURKISH COAST AND SOUTH
TO A POINT WEST OF LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER. FROM THAT
POINT ZONE CONTINUES WEST TO POINT NORTH OF ALEXANDRIA.

3. WE HAVE NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED DECLARATIONS AND DO NOT
BELIEVE RETURN TO PRE-OCTOBER SAILING INSTRUCTIONS WILL
RESULT IN OPERATIONS ALARMING TO EITHER GOE OR SARG. IF
YOU BELIEVE THAT DECISION WARRANTS YOUR INFORMING GOVERN-
MENT, HOWEVER, YOUR APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE IN MANNER
WHICH MAKES CLEAR NOTICE (A) IS BEING GIVEN AS COURTESY
ONLY, AND (B) SIGNIFIES NOTHING MORE THAN RETURN TO NORMAL
OPERATIONAL PRACTICES. KISSINGER

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